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NHPRC MEETS

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission met in the Conference Room of the National Archives on December 11. Grants for continuing letterpress, microfilm, and combined letterpress and microfilm projects were approved, and some new projects were considered for endorsement or grants. Among those to receive a small grant is the Society of American Archivists for the preparation of five manuals on basic archival operations; they will be designed to be useful in the records program of the Commission.

The new Executive Director of the Commission, Frank G. Burke, gave a progress report on the "Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the United States," a completely new edition of the so-called Hamer *Guide* of 1961, being undertaken by the NHPRC staff. A basic one- or two-volume guide is envisioned, with a number of useful by-products, such as a directory of depositories. A report was also made on the State Historical Records Advisory Boards, which have been organized in 27 States. Larry J. Hackman, now Deputy Executive Director (Records), reported excellent cooperation from the States and felt that, despite lack of specific funding for the records program, good progress is being made.

The Assistant Librarian of Congress, Elizabeth H. Kegan, the Library's representative on the Commission, attended this meeting. The next one is scheduled for February 12, 1976.

JUAN GOYTISOLO LECTURES AT LC

Juan Goytisolo, noted contemporary writer, gave a lecture at the Library of Congress in the Whittall Pavilion on December 2 on the present position of the Spanish writer and his country.

Goytisolo began his literary career very early and was awarded his first literary prize, the Premio Joven Literature, at the age of 21. Among the two dozen or more works he has written are *Reivindicación del Conde don Julián,* 1970 (translated into English as *Count Julian,* 1974); *Señas de identidad,* 1966, and *Juan sin tierra,* 1974. The lecture generated an animated question-and-answer period on Spanish literature and on the change of styles, initiated by Goytisolo and others, in Spanish prose.

Approximately 80 persons attended the lecture, which was sponsored by the Library's Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division, the American University, the Catholic University of America, and Howard University.

While at the Library, Juan Goytisolo also read selections from his work for the Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape and was interviewed by Georgette M. Dorn concerning his view on current literature for the Archive.

NSDP PROCESSES 21,000 RECORDS

The National Serials Data Program (NSDP) recently

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passed an important milestone in its expanding coverage of serials registration by processing a total of more than 21,000 International Serials Data System (ISDS) records. Since the beginning of its assignment of International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) and data-base building activities in early 1973, NSDP has completed the processing and assignment of 10,200 new ISSN to U.S. serial publications and 5,000 ISSN requested and processed for foreign serials.

In addition to these newly registered numbers, NSDP has validated approximately 6,000 ISSN allocations to the R. R. Bowker Co. for association with titles listed by them in the *New Serial Titles* 1950-1970 cumulation, the second and third editions of *Irregular Serials and Annuals*, and the 14th and 15th editions of *Ulrich's International Periodical Directory*. These production statistics represent activities undertaken by the NSDP as a result of its involvement in serials bibliographic control not only within the Library of Congress but also on a national and international level as the U.S. representative to ISDS.

As an integral section of the Processing Department's Serial Record Division, NSDP is continuing systematically to assign ISSN to U.S. serial publications currently cataloged by the division's Cataloging Section. These numbers are appearing on the LC printed cards as well as on the MARC Serials Distribution Service.

A fourfold increase in the size of the editing and inputting staff since the program's inception in 1972 has enabled NSDP to extend its national responsibilities. In addition to registering titles cataloged in the Library, NSDP has continued to assign ISSN to serial titles currently cataloged by the National Library of Medicine. A two-year grant from the National Science Foundation is permitting NSDP to build a data base of bibliographic information on serials in the fields of science and technology to which ISSN are assigned, using bibliographic data and documentation as provided by the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, and the National Agricultural Library. Ancillary to this grant activity, NSDP has entered into a cooperative effort with the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services (NFAIS) in which documentation is provided by the Federation to permit the assignment of ISSN to science and technology titles of interest to that community.

Since the advent of the CONSER (CONversion of SERials) Project, NSDP has extended its national commitment even further. As one of the project's Centers of Responsibility, NSDP, along with the Canadian representative to the ISDS, is assigning or validating ISSN to serial titles input into the OCLC system by the 14 CONSER participants. Because of the advantages of on-line control in regulating the assignment of ISSN, NSDP began using the OCLC facilities in June of this year for inputting all records with authenticated ISSN into the CONSER data base. These records are immediately available to all OCLC users and will be available eventually to all subscribers to the MARC Serials Distribution Service. Titles registered by NSDP before the implementation of this on-line input will be included in a forth-coming *ISSN-Key Title Register*. Eventually, all existing NSDP-processed ISSN not yet in CONSER will be added.

As the U.S. representative to the International Serials Data System, NSDP is responsible not only for systematically registering all U.S. serial publications, but also for promoting the use of ISSN within this country, particularly by members of the publishing community. Recognizing this aspect of its commitment, a publishers' liaison function has been established to work directly with publishers to encourage their active participation in this system. In addition, several brochures are being prepared by NSDP which explain the ISSN, how to obtain a number, and how to display or use it properly. Through a grant from the Council on Library Resources to the Boston Theological Institute (one of the CONSER participants), NSDP is also assigning or validating ISSN for

approximately 1,000 titles in the field of religion, using bibliographic data and documentation supplied by BTI under the terms of the grant. As authorized by NSDP, BTI is then notifying the appropriate publishers of the correct ISSN and encouraging their cooperation in using the numbers.

The International Serials Data System, which grew from NSDP, has expanded from only one operational national center in 1972 to 20 currently declared national or regional centers. As the U.S. national center, NSDP is active in this international network, providing ISSN upon demand for other ISDS centers when numbers are needed for U.S. imprints by institutions in those countries. This is a reciprocal arrangement whereby NSDP is also able to obtain ISSN for non-U.S. imprints from these ISDS centers when needed by libraries or abstracting and indexing services in this country. With the expansion and development of this international system, bibliographic control of serials in this country as well as in others throughout the network will be greatly facilitated as the use of the ISSN becomes more widespread.

STAFF NEWS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: George Alexander, copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 1294; Tommie Carter, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cop Serv, OP 7-200; Lenora Combs, clerk-typist, GS-4, Loan, 1398; Thomas Lane, bill digester and reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 1296; David Lockwood, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 5-600; Marc Shlifer, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 6-600; Janet Smith, conservator (paper), GS-5, Restor, 1222; Roman Worobec, subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 1267.

Temporary Appointments: Cynthia Huston, assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS SPR, 1356; John Pontius, motion picture cataloging and processing librarian, GS-9, P&P, 1302; Loretta Tatum, warehouseman, WG-4, DBPH, NP.

Reappointments: William Inglee, reference assistant, GS-7, CRS S, 1392; Michael Smihula, catalog assistant, GS-7, Ser, 1357; Veronica Tucker, librarian, GS-9, E&G, 1454.

Promotions: Nancy Hickman, to clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Ser, 1307; Marybeth Peters, Cop Exam, to attorney, GS-13, Cop Reg, 1188; Mary Pilote, Cat Publ, to copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 1295; David Pullman, to technical support specialist, GS-12, Cop Cat, 1361; Jacquelyn Ricketts, to assistant head, GS-12, Cop Cat, 1410; Laurie Sabo, to fiscal control technician, GS-5, Cop Serv, 1395; Richard Wilson, S&R, to clerk-typist, GS-4, E&G, 1214.

Transfers: Susan Aramayo, Proc, to international relations officer, GS-13, ALC, 1149; Mary Berg, MARC Ed, to clerk-typist, GS-4, Cat Publ, NP.

Resignations: Alice Auerbacher, Share Cat; Brenda Bartlett, E&G; Cherylann Beckmann, Ord; Mary Denman, Pers; Deborah Gilbert, Cat Mgmt; William Gosling, Desc Cat; Nelson Hay, CRS EP; Roy Hunt, Jr.; S&R; Barry Lowenkron, CRS C; Alicia McFall, Loan; Mary Martin, CRS L; Robert Wardwell, Bldgs; Norman Wilbur, S&R; Miriam Williams, S&R.

AWARDS

Catherine I. Bahn, Principal Recommending Officer of the Science and Technology Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin on November 4 by Paul Berry, Director of the Reference Department.

A native of Beaver Dam, Wisc., Mrs. Bahn received a B.S. in education from Millersville State College in Pennsylvania. After graduate studies at the University of Chicago, she attended Columbia University, where she earned a master's degree in geography and taught summer courses. She has also taught in public schools in Lancaster, Pa., and Arlington, Va., and has served as an instructor of maps and charts at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School, which awarded her a Certificate of Appreciation for 20 years of service in 1973.

Mrs. Bahn began her Federal career with the Panama Canal Co. in 1940. In 1952, she was appointed Chief of the Chart Library Section, Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, in Washington. She came to the Library in 1957 as Head of the Acquisitions Section, Geography and Map Division, and was promoted to her present position in 1966. Mrs. Bahn is a frequent contributor to numerous publications and has served as editor of *The Arlington Historical Magazine* and *SLA Chapter Notes.* A regional vice president of the Carto-Philatelists and a director of the Arlington Historical Society, she was appointed in 1970 by the Arlington County Board to membership on the Committee for Recommendations on the Potomac River Basin. Long active in the Special Libraries Association, she has served as secretary of the Washington Chapter, chairman of the Science and Technology Group, and chairman of the Geography and Map Group. In 1973, she was given the Honors Award for Outstanding Achievement by the Geography and Map Division of the SLA.

Staffan Rosenborg, Head of the Publications Section, Science and Technology Division, was presented

a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on November 7 by James R. Trew, Assistant Chief for Information Services.

Born to Swedish parents in Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Rosenborg came to the United States in 1940. He has a bachelor's degree in foreign affairs from Princeton University. A former U.S. Army interpreter, he worked for a time as a freelance translator and editor. He began his civilian Federal service in 1952 with the Armed Services Technical Information Agency (ASTIA), now the Defense Documentation Center, as an information specialist in the director's office. He came to the Library in 1954, joining the ASTIA Reference Center in the Technical Information Division. In July 1957, he was detailed to the White House, serving as the Documentation Officer of the panel that produced the "Gaither Report." Returning to the Library, he joined the bulk of the Technical Information Division in its move, in February 1958, to Arlington Hall Station, where it merged with a group from Dayton, Ohio, to begin a consolidated ASTIA operation. Having assisted in the automation of ASTIA, Mr. Rosenborg left Government service in 1962 to join the Datatrol Corp., a pioneering computer software house where he conducted interagency retrieval vocabulary studies. In 1965, he went to the ARIES Corp., where he helped produce the Project LEX TEST Thesaurus and automated book catalogs for the Montgomery County Library. He returned to the Library of Congress in 1968, assuming his present position. Mr. Rosenborg is a former national secretary of the American Documentation Institute (now the American Society for Information Science).

Virginia M. Sims, Secretary to the Assistant Chief for Information Services, Science and Technology Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on November 7 by Mr. Trew.

Born in Cambridge, Md., Mrs. Sims attended St. Mary's Female Seminary in St. Mary's City and Stewart's Business College. Before entering Federal service, she worked for a number of years in Upper Marlboro, Md., first for an attorney in private practice and later for the Clerk of the Prince Georges County Circuit Court. She came to the Library in 1955, joining the staff of the Technical Information Division. When most of the Division personnel left the Library in 1958 to form part of ASTIA, she remained with the Special Bibliographies Section, which then became part of the Library's Science and Technology Division. When the Section was abolished in June 1969, she became a Bibliographic Assistant in the Pesticides Documentation Section, which was abolished six months later. She then transferred to the Resources Analysis Section, and a year later to her present position.

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